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Andrew Jackson to Graves W. Steele, February 4, 1832, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO GRAVES W. STEELE.

Washington, February 4, 1832.

Sir, Yours of the 12th ultimo has been recd. and I will thank you to send me on, an account in full of the expences of the farm and that as soon as possible, and how paid, and the account for the supplies furnished Mr Morrison, in such a way as I can fairly understand it. the one given I cannot send in its form to Mr Morrison.

I have directed Mr Nichols to pay you, your full wages (five hundred dollars) for the year 1831 out of the proceeds of the cotton when recd. and have directed Col White to sell the cotton shipped so soon as in his judgt. the market will justify a sale, and remit the amount of sales to Mr Josiah Nichol, who will pay you your wages for the year 1831.

Having promised Mr Morrison to pay him in cash for the improvement stipulated to be made by him, and having expected the \$150 for which you sold my Carryall and pair of horses and which I had to be paid over to [him and] so directed you, I have now to remit him the ballance of his account \$187 or thereabout. You will therefore hold yourself accountable, to account with me, for the \$150 dollars for my horses and carriage sold at au[c]tion for cash last spring.

I have written to Pittsburgh to have sent to the care of Mr Josiah Nichol six bushels of clover seed. this will sow 32 acres full, thick for cutting, which you will sow in the race tract

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field, with the oats, or shortly after they are up so that the seed may be covered from the frost should it fall after sown

You will see Mr William Donelson, and know of him whether he has determined to let me have, for my son, Saml Donelson Lott of land adjoining me—if he has, then you will plant it in cotton or seed it in oats as you may judge best. I want at least this year planted in cotton one hundred and Eighty acres measured, that I may have one good crop in four years, if the season should be favorable.

You will also assertain from Mr. William Donelson whether he has determined to let me have, for my son, Alexanders Lot of land which adjoins his brothers Samuel, and if he has, then you will unite with Mr Donelson, in extending a fence on the Western line of Alexanders, and the Eastern line of the track he gets of Mr George Martin thro the entire tract, or to the road as laid out to the mouth of Stones river, and on the dividing line, and planting or sowing the good land on that lot so that it may be a pasture for my stock in the fall. Write on the receipt of this what Mr. D. has determined.

My son will be out early this Spring, yours respectfully